

House Resolution 1451

By: Representative Shaw of the 176th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mrs. JoNan Holbrook on being awarded national certification by the National
2 Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. JoNan Holbrook, a Lanier County Elementary School kindergarten
4 teacher, was awarded national certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching
5 Standards (NBPTS) in November, 2005; and

6 WHEREAS, the NBPTS was founded in 1987 as an outgrowth of a Carnegie Corporation
7 initiative after the 1986 report, "A Nation Prepared: Teachers for the 21st Century," called
8 for a voluntary system of national certification for teachers; and

9 WHEREAS, the board is a nonprofit, independent organization whose mission is to establish
10 high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do,
11 to develop and operate a national voluntary system to assess and certify teachers who meet
12 these standards, and to advance related education reforms designed to improve student
13 learning in American schools; and

14 WHEREAS, since the inception of the NBPTS, the Georgia Association of Educators (GAE)
15 has been involved with and supportive of the board's goals and has worked in numerous ways
16 to ensure that the voluntary, advanced system of professional certification developed by
17 NBPTS will represent and further the interests of classroom teachers and their profession;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, to obtain national certification, an educator must demonstrate the five core
20 principles for experienced teachers as enumerated by the national board: (1) teachers are
21 committed to students and their learning; (2) teachers know the subjects they teach and how
22 to teach those subjects to their students; (3) teachers are responsible for managing and

1 monitoring student learning; (4) teachers think systematically about their practice and learn
2 from experience; and (5) teachers are members of learning communities; and

3 WHEREAS, through her unwavering adherence to the rigorous standards set by the National
4 Board for Professional Teaching Standards and her commitment to teaching excellence, Mrs.
5 Holbrook is helping to secure a better and brighter future for Georgia's students.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 the members of this body join in commending Mrs. JoNan Holbrook for her outstanding
8 achievements in education and congratulate her on being awarded national certification.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. JoNan Holbrook.